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## ASSAULT SPARKS SAFETY CONCERNS



Photo by Alan Stokell

## POLICE STILL SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS

by Allan Stokell

**A** George Brown College student was sexually assaulted in a stairwell of the Hospitality Centre at St. James campus on the afternoon of Monday, November 1st.

College counselling staff met with the student and her family the next morning and offered the college's full support. The college administration is working closely with the Toronto Police to assist them with their investigation but to date no charges have been laid.

Immediate steps have been taken to increase security on campus and more uniformed security guards are now on patrol in the corridors.

The following descriptions of the attackers have been provided by Toronto Police:

### SUSPECT #1

Male, white, 20-22 years, 5 feet 6 inches tall, medium build, clean shaven, wearing a dark coloured sweat shirt with a logo on the back, blue jeans and a dark ball cap with a logo on it and sunglasses.

### SUSPECT #2

Male, white, 20-22 years, 5 foot 10 inches, very short or shaved hair, clean shaven, wearing a dark Kangaroo hat, brown corduroy jacket, black pants and dress-type black shoes.

Detective Elizabeth Byrnes, who heads the investigation, remains unavailable for comment. Detective John Pierpont, a Community Relations Officer for the Toronto Police, stated at a recent community meeting that they had not ruled out George Brown College students as possible suspects.

"Criminals are stupid," says Pierpont. "They love to brag." He urges GBC students to report persons who might be bragging to their peers.

At press time composite sketches had not been made available.

The investigation continues.

### STUDENT REACTION:

### "HOW DID IT HAPPEN HERE?"

by Cathy Brunka

The reaction of students to the assault is one of shock, disbelief and alarm. As a result, students are staying together when travelling in the buildings.

"I'm not sure about dark corners anymore... I'm looking out for myself and watching where I go," said Karen Queme, a first-year student at St. James.

Alex, a first-year student at the Hospitality Centre, expressed shock and concern. "I can't believe that it happened here; students should feel safe in school."

"Complete shock. I'm relieved that it hasn't happened before, but now you walk around thinking 'is he one of them,'" said Michelle Nochomovitz, referring to the lack of suspects thus far.

Jerome Adamo, President of the Student Association said: "Speaking as a student, it is very unfortunate that this attack happened... and my sympathy goes out to

both the student and her family. It is our goal to make all areas of the college safe places for all students."

Elizabeth Antunes, Vice President, St. James campus, was quite distressed with the number of cases that have occurred. "I will continue to work with all groups who have security issues."

One third-year graphic design student emailed dialog with her reaction:

"I am very concerned about the safety of students (primarily female), but I don't know what else can be done to assure safety. I have found a change from the past few years at school, regarding the attitudes of men toward women. There seems to be a much more aggressive atmosphere. I am thinking of writing an article for dialog because I am very angry."

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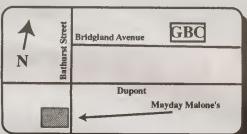
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# diatribe

## ...by reason of incumbency

by Kari Macknight

For my first editorial I was planning to share with the George Brown College community my opinion on a variety of topics. This is both the beauty and the bane of the editor's existence. As much as I may not share the same political views as who do I love that I get a forum in which to vent, rant and share some of my sentiments on issues close to my heart. I also dig how wound up people can get about things they read in an editorial.

If I piss you off, make you laugh or get you talking (about *dialog* or about what I've written) then I've done my job. This is not only MY space. This is your space to let me have it. My email address is printed on the masthead...

I have elected to devote much of the space in this issue to concerns revolving around the recent sexual assault at St. James. To that end, more serious editorials appear on this page. Thanks in advance for reading on.

Since the responsibility of editor shifts between myself and Alda Kang, I get only a few chances to have at you with my particular version of how things ought and ought not to be. To allow you to get to know me better I have compiled a list of vital stats.

**Full Name:** Kari Lee Macknight

**Age:** 26

**Astrological Sign:** Libra

**Hair:** Red (this year, anyway)

**Eyes:** Blue

**Course of Study:** Electronic Desktop Composition

**Why they let me have this job:** I went to journalism school?

**Why they should let me keep it:** I'm great with deadlines and I can spell.

**Cartoon character I'd like to meet:** Gambit from the X-Men

**Favourite Food:** Is coffee a food?

**Favourite Place on Earth:** Preservation Hall in New Orleans

**If I were a tree....** I'd wish to be the kind that would get cut down to print more issues of this newspaper.



## the view from here

by Allan Stokell

People keep asking me how my vacation was. I seem to have a different answer for each person who inquires, but often I just don't have the time for a full honest answer. One of those brief meetings held in the elevator just don't give me much of an opportunity to fully expand. This column is for those who really want to know how my vacation was.

"There'll always be an England" go the words of a 19th century patriotic song. Even though the country has gone through many changes to fit into the mould known as the European Economic Union, England manages to maintain much of its uniqueness and charm. It is true that the English sausage, that greasy bit of gristle will never be the same now that the EU food regulations are in place, but the English still drive at a wild pace down the wrong side of the road. One of the other great treasures they have is the richness and diversity of their culture. This was never more obvious to me the day we visited Canterbury. We stayed within sight of the Cathedral as we did in most of the cities we visited. As we walked down the narrow lanes leading to the church, I observed how the English

have not yet made the foolish mistake of deserting the cities for the suburbs.

Downtown is still an exciting place to be, and most of the towns have extensive pedestrian-only shopping areas.

It is true that things are expensive. Three years ago the price of a pint of beer (that's an English pint, 20 fluid ounces) was just over a Pound Sterling. When \$2.30 could buy One Pound Sterling that worked out to about \$2.50 a pint. Today with that same pint hovering around £2.20 and a Pound Sterling up at \$2.50, the Canadian tourist is now paying around \$5.50 for a beer. Keep in mind that is what I pay at my local pub in Toronto for a pint.

What is really expensive is petrol or, as we know it, gasoline. To fill up our rental car cost us \$100. To save on fuel some people turn their engines off at traffic lights and coast down hills. It was very tempting to forgo the rental car but, from my experience, you miss a lot of spectacular countryside and waste a lot of time connecting when you travel by bus or train. Next time I might consider adding an extra body or two to help pay for the car and fuel.

The cost of restaurant meals is steep. To avoid the high cost we ate in pubs

by Kari Macknight

My initial reaction to any crime is usually anger. This might not always be healthy or normal, but I can't control it. I have had my valuables lifted from me on numerous occasions (although it was only my passport, camera and credit card) and have gone through the uncertainty of being a person with no identity in a place where the only ally I have is the Canadian embassy.

People who steal see their right to have something as taking precedence over your right to keep it. It is wrong to steal, but material things can generally be replaced.

When it comes to crimes like abuse and assault, what the assailant steals from their victim is irreplaceable—from a woman it is her sense of security and her right to choose whose hands touch her. Should I be angry or afraid? It could, after all, have happened to any woman at the college, including myself. I have always felt safe at George Brown so, on a personal level, the safety of the campus isn't in question.

I have decided that anger IS going to be the emotion that rules me this time around. What I am most incensed over is the ability of many to assume it's because the college isn't safe that these types of things happen. Assault can happen anywhere, including the place one is meant to feel the most safe-home.

People think that if they say they feel bad about what happened then they've done their duty and can now return to the regularly scheduled program of checking their email and wondering what's up for Friday night. It didn't happen to them, so who cares? Dismissing this crime so easily empowers the very individuals who committed it.

This incident happened because two men took it upon themselves to take autonomy from a woman in a situation where they knew they might have a chance at getting away with it. Sexual assault isn't really about sex at all. It's about control and about violence.

Unfortunately for the victim, the things she lost are not easily regained. She now has to go through life looking over her shoulder, wondering if the guy walking behind her up the stairs is also going to hurt her. She's not paranoid, she's just living according to her experience. She no longer has the luxury of feeling secure.

The two individuals (real men would never have done this) responsible for this crime should be forced to live in fear of being violated, looking around every corner with their backs up; an eye for an eye, as Hammurabi said, only these two assholes would keep their eyes in order to best see each detail, in living colour. Their view would be partially obscured, however, by the bars on their jail cell.



Instead. This sometimes requires careful planning because although pub food is good and cheap, the pubs that serve it have very strange serving hours. One pub we stayed in offered food from noon until 2 p.m. daily. Others offer it from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., but only Monday through Friday. Many don't offer food in the evenings. Go figure!

An English wag once wrote: "A critic knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing." The English are an outgoing and hopeful lot and live life to the fullest. Currently they have good reason to be happy. The Pound is strong, the unemployment lines are short, but

there are still a few problems. There are the homeless. Unlike Canada, Britain has a strategy and a national grassroots agency to help the homeless. Shelter Housing Aid helps not only the homeless but those who could be made homeless through rent or mortgage arrears, landlord/tenant disputes or illegal evictions. They run a chain of 'charity shops' (similar to our Goodwill) throughout the country. I was glad to see that though there are homeless, it is not at the crisis state that it is in Canada. The English are willing to share. They know the value of a peaceful countryside where the police do not need to wear guns to keep order. Respect rather than fear. Order instead of chaos.

The defining moment of the trip came early on when I was strolling around the cloister of Canterbury Cathedral. It is a covered area at the side of the building that encloses a garden. It was used a one time by monks for silent prayer and meditation. Earlier I had spied a number of black and white cloaked boys running noisily through the Cathedral. Suddenly I was aware of a sound. It sounded like a choir of angels, and as I walked along the sound became louder. Then I heard the rise of an orchestra. As I continued to stroll, I passed an area being used as a rehearsal hall. That morning I heard the concert of my dreams. Voices joined with instruments in a symphony of praise. For me there always will be this England.

# Torrid Love

Dear Torri,

I love your advice column, but I have to admit that you give advice on subjects that normally don't involve me. I can't imagine talking about oral sex or that stuff to anybody.

My problem is that I am just one of those people you see around. I don't go to the pubs because I don't think that anyone will see me there. No one asks me to raves because I'm not attractive.

I think if I met the right person, I might be able to share something with them, but I don't know how to meet people.

Torri, can you tell me how to meet that "right" person? I don't want to be lonely anymore.

-Me

Dear "Me",

No one can tell you how to meet the "right" person because the "right" person is one who you alone will be able to recognize. I can, however, tell you how to meet people in general (it's up to you then to determine if they're "right").

First, don't go to pubs because you don't think anyone will see you there. This is assuming a lot about other people. Who knows who sees what??

Second, don't assume that you're unattractive or that the way that you look will impact on people negatively. This is

key for two reasons: one, if you believe you're unattractive, then you will come off as insecure and meek, and that is unattractive;

two, anyone

who looks past you without

looking at

who you are

isn't worth your time. Trust me, I've dated some treats-babe-a-licious on the outside, empty on the inside.

Third, don't

think that

you'll meet

person X at a

pub or rave.

You'll meet

them in class,

through friends,

partaking in a common

interest or at work.

Once you've met someone with whom you have a connection, try the pubs and raves with them!

Fourth, don't ever turn down an invitation. You never know what is going to happen where. Even if you think that a night at Bingo is the most worthless way

to spend an evening, give it a try. Again, you never know what is going to happen where (or with whom). I can't emphasize that enough.

Finally, live your life.

Don't assume that because you're alone

that you can't live a great life and have fun.

Take risks. Eat alone. Ask people to go places. Live your life.

Dear Torri:

I am going overseas for the holidays and will be

seeing a guy I used

to date when I lived there

nearly ten years ago. We have been keeping in touch, exchanging email and letters (sometimes a bit racy, mind you), talking on the phone, etc. Our relationship never finished properly because I came back to Canada (it was the hardest thing I've ever had to do).

Whenever I have visited him, it's like no time has passed, if you catch my drift.

We have been talking about this upcoming visit a lot lately, only this time he's a lot more serious about his intentions toward me. Long distance relationships are hard enough, forget the fact I don't know when I'll be back there again after the holiday. This could be the love of my life (I'm certain it is, actually). Is love worth chasing someone across the world for?

-Europe Bound

Dear Europe Bound,

HELL YES, it's worth chasing someone across the world! If this is love then don't think twice about the distance. This does mean, of course, that one of you has to make a commitment to move. Love may transcend distance but sex is a little more difficult.

If he is voicing an interest in getting serious and you know he's the love of your life, then get off your ass and start discussing the merits of one of you moving. Evidently, you've made a wee foray into phone sex but fun fiber optic antics alone do not a happy relationship make.

Take a chance. Live large. Be happy. Move to Europe and eat good cheese.

write to: torridlove@hotmail.com

## Time for a change

by Wayne Poirier

In this first edition of "Wayne's World", I will address the recent forum that the College held for faculty, staff and administration. On Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th, more than 800 College employees took part in an all-day session as part of the Change Project. The Change Project was launched in response to poor student satisfaction results following last year's Key Performance Indicator (KPI) surveys. KPI was a system-wide test for Ontario's Colleges to measure student satisfaction with College programs, services and facilities. George Brown scored relatively low in several areas. The Change Project is aimed at improving student satisfaction.

The Student Association participated in both sessions, sending staff and elected representatives. I participated on Thursday and was very pleased to see so many concerned individuals coming together to address student satisfaction and concerns. What became very apparent to me is that faculty and support staff are very discouraged by the recent history within the College and understand the impact that changes, particularly cutbacks, have had on students. The

faculty and staff in my working group expressed their frustration with class size, faulty equipment, lack of support staff to deal effectively with student concerns and eroding facilities. What interested me most was that the faculty and staff expressed all of their concerns by pointing out how problems affect students

on an everyday basis. This showed me that they truly understand that students' learning environment is their working environment.

In the end, I realized that faculty, staff and students share many of the same concerns caused by consistent under-funding of post

secondary education. What all of us need to focus on is our common concern for high quality, accessible education. This year gives me hope that there can be a real momentum built to push for change. The Student Association has passed a campaign strategy to start this process and the College has launched the Change Project to build a better George Brown College for the future. We need you to actively participate in these processes to take these plans from paper and place them into action.

Get involved now! Have your voice heard and ensure that the College solicits

student feedback as part of the Change Project and acts on it. We have an opportunity to solve many of the problems that we encounter every day—let's not miss that opportunity!

Wayne Poirier is the Executive Director of the Student Association here at George Brown College.



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# Face to face with poverty and child labour

## by Boni

**Every poor parent's nightmare.** Camping with his family, a child is sobbing in the night. A broken tooth. No money for dentists. Thirty years later, a woman's tears well up when she talks about her son's reply. In the dark, she asked which of her children was crying. "It's only me, Mom. Only me." An eight-year-old boy should not have to know that his parents cannot afford to alleviate his pain.

The term "child poverty" is a misnomer. Children do not have access to economic resources. Hence, children cannot be poor. We need to clarify the actual issues around children's lack of food, lack of clothes, lack of necessities and services. "Child poverty" is not about poor children; it's about poor parents. The correct term is, therefore, "Parental Poverty".

Poor parents have increased difficulties and this affects the lives of their children. Children's Aid may apprehend the children, citing the parents' lack of financial stability as a reason the children are "neglected". Stressed out, economically disadvantaged parents can be prone to child abuse. Financially comfortable parents can use legal means to maintain custody of their children against the system sometimes when there are proven abuse charges; poor parents cannot. A middle-class parent may be deliberately starving a child if the child is found medically malnourished. Poor parents may not have the means to consistently feed the child. A wealthy parent can afford to drown their problems in a weekly bottle of scotch without much budgetary effect. If a poor parent does the same he/she can be labelled an "alcoholic" and be forced into "treatment".

Single mothers lead over 60% of poor households. Yet, the Harris government has cut their subsistence payments down. Also, the government keeps

any arrangements can be made to collect payments. Cross-town/province support enforcement is a bureaucratic bog. Meanwhile, the children continue to

the basic financial needs of the parent(s) are an industry joke. Telling a welfare mother that karate classes might rein in a child's hyperactive behaviour might seem plausible—for a mother who cannot afford the classes, it's ludicrous. Even if the parent(s) can find free classes, the clothing for such sports activities is not free. Neither is the bus fare it takes to get there. Financially disadvantaged families do not have access to sports, cultural events or vacations. Private tutoring or other educational advantages are out of the question. Delinquent behaviour becomes a risk when youth who perceive that the society will not provide the opportunities for them to enter the mainstream.

Patronizing medical professionals tell poverty-ridden parents that the child needs more fibre in her diet, yet will not write a letter to Family Benefits without a \$25 fee. This can put these children at medical risk in the present and in the future. Since working poor parents are usually not covered by health benefits, their children are frequently without basic dental care and needed medication. What are the future medical costs of this?

As a society, we hold adults responsible for the welfare of their children, yet we do not provide the economic and social supports that will allow parents to care for their children. No parent wants to send a child to bed hungry. No parent wants to live in a shelter with their child. No parent wants their child to be uneducated. No parent wants to see their child suffer from lack of medical and dental care. Parents do not want to be helpless when their children cry out in the dark.

## by Allan Stokell

Why is it I feel this retro thing is going too far? The New Beetle is really cute, but I'm sorry I didn't save my bellbottom jeans. I'm ready, though, if those really wide ties come back. I understand nostalgia for better days and all. Is this why our provincial government has decided to bring back child labour? Since they have held office, the Tories have introduced wave after wave of backward legislation. Will workhouses be off far?

Evil Janet Ecker, Minister of Education and her lackey, Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, recently re-introduced child labour in the form of "Passport to prosperity", a programme that will allow school children to work in factories and sweatshops for free while earning valuable points towards college or university. Just another way the Tories are abusing our children. First it was welfare moms who can no longer afford a roof over their heads and food, then it was Bill 160 that has gutted quality public education in this province so now

it would follow that children will now be dragged from their classrooms and forced into dangerous jobs, possibly displacing someone who had been previously paid to do that job.

At a time when we are being asked to carefully look at how we are treating the children in our country, I cannot believe anyone but Mike Harris and his band of misfits could be so insensitive. We know that far too many children are born into poverty in this country. Poverty and disadvantage will be all that these children will know. While the upper class build their lives of advantage and privilege, the poor of this country grow hungry for nourishment of both body and mind. If we are of the first world, why are we satisfied with a third world social system.

Breakfast clubs, food banks and handouts are not the answer. We need to be able to offer all citizens of this country the same quality lifestyle, healthcare and education. Our children deserve better than Mike Harris is willing to offer.

What are we going to do about it?

cutting the guidelines of the legal aid system whereby such mothers may obtain support from delinquent spouses. The so-called streamlining of the legal system means little to a mother who cannot access the court with assistance from Legal Aid. A vindictive partner can hold up justice through countless remands, nickel-and-dime wrangling and procrastinatory paper shuffling before

suffer from a lack of economic stability and the mother endures frustration. This situation is guaranteed to add hardship to the family still dealing with emotionally laden custody and divorce proceedings.

Two-year waiting lists exist for disadvantaged families desperately seeking counselling—counselling for poor parents by middle class social workers who have no understanding of

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# Internet Myths D

by Greg Parneti

It was circus impresario P.T. Barnum who is credited with saying that "there is a sucker born every minute." With the increasing popularity of the Internet, this has never been so true. Without any method of effectively policing the World Wide Web, pranksters, hucksters and the criminally insane have had a heyday spreading false rumours, half truths and urban legends. Let us explore a few of the more recent cases.

## Warning: Cell phone use in gas stations

In case you do not know, there was an incident where a driver suffered burns and his car was severely damaged. It happened when gasoline fumes ignited an explosion while he was talking on his mobile phone standing near the attendant who was pumping the gas. All the electronic devices in gas stations are protected with explosive containment devices, (intrinsically safe) while cell phones are not. READ YOUR HANDBOOK! Mobile phone makers Motorola, Ericsson and Nokia,

produce sparks that can be generated by the high-powered battery inside the phone. Please pass this on. Please don't. It has very little, if any, factual information in it at all.

## The sick city we live in

Tying in local content always makes these types of stories seem more believable. Take this story for instance, it is supposed to have taken place in Toronto.

Very scary!

Please read

Whenever you go to an automatic teller machine to make deposits, make sure you don't lick the deposit envelopes. (spit on it) A customer died after licking an envelope at a teller machine at Yonge & Eglinton. According to the police, Dr. Elliot at Women's College Hospital found traces of cyanide in the lady's mouth and digestive system and police traced the fatal poison to the glue on the envelope she deposited that day. They then did an inspection of other envelopes from other teller machines in the area and found six more. The glue is described as colourless and

"Shaving causes almost imperceptible nicks in the skin which give the chemicals entrance into the body from the armpit area"

Kimberly Clarkson  
Crime unit, Department for Public Health  
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You probably won't be surprised to hear that there is no Kimberly Clarkson, that the Department of Public Health doesn't have a Crime



Jerry Grymek, our Advertising Manager, found out just how dangerous it can be to use a cellular phone while gassing up.

all print cautions in their user handbooks that warn against mobile phones in "gas stations, fuel storage sites, and chemical factories." Exxon has begun placing "warning stickers" at its gasoline stations. The threat mobile phones pose to gas stations and their users is primarily the result of their ability to

odourless. They suspect some sickos targeting this particular bank and has been putting the envelopes beside machines at different locations. A spokesperson from the bank said their hands are tied unless they take away the deposit function from all machines. So watch out, and please forward this message to the people you care about.

Unit and the phone number is a pager number.

The triple truth, Ruth: Give me a break. This one was clearly inspired by the Seinfeld episode where George's fiancee, Susan, dies after ingesting some of the glue from their wedding invitations.

Some of these web stories are downright horrific.  
Take this next one for instance.

## Safety Bulletin

Please Read! Very important!

For your information, a couple of weeks ago, in a Dallas movie theatre person sat on something sharp in one of the seats. When she stood up to what it was, a needle was found poking through the seat with an attached needle, saying, "You have been infected with HIV." The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reports similar events have taken place in several other cities recently. All of the needles tested HAVE been reported positive for HIV. The CDC also reports that needles have been found in the coin return areas of pay phones and soda machines. Everyone is asked to use extreme caution when confronted with these types of situations. All public chairs should be thoroughly but safely inspected prior to any use. A thorough visual inspection is considered the minimum. Furthermore, they ask that everyone notify their family members and friends of the potential dangers well. Thank you.

The previous information was sent from the Dallas Police Department to all of the local governments in the Washington area and was interdepartmentally dispersed. We were all asked to pass this to as many people as possible.

Something to think about the next time you plop yourself down in a movie theatre.

Sometimes the plots of these stories are just believable enough to get even crusty newspaper writers. Take this next one. I was send a copy of this from someone high up in the Student Association. I found it plausible enough to e-mail my MP.

## Internet Subscriber:

Please read the following carefully if you intend to stay on-line and continue using email: The last few months have revealed an alarming trend in the Government of Canada, attempting to quietly push through legislation that will affect your use of the Internet. Under proposed legislation Canadian Post will be attempting to bill email users out of "alternate postage fees". Bill 602P will permit the Federal Government to charge a 5 cent surcharge on every email delivered, by billing Internet Service Providers at source. The consumer would then be billed in turn by the ISP. Toronto lawyer Richard St. QC, is working to prevent this legislation from becoming law. The Canada Post Corporation is claiming that lost revenue due to the proliferation of email is costing nearly

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\$23,000,000 in revenue per year. You may have noticed Canada Post's recent ad campaign "There is nothing like a letter". Since the average citizen received about 10 pieces of email per day in 1998, the cost to the typical individual would be an additional 50 cents per day, or over \$180 dollars per year, above and beyond their regular Internet costs.

Note that this would be money paid directly to Canada Post for a service they do not even provide. The whole point of the Internet is democracy and non-interference. If the Canadian Government is permitted to tamper with our liberties by adding a surcharge to email, who knows where it will end. You are already paying an exorbitant price for snail mail because of bureaucratic inefficiency. It currently takes up to 6 days for a letter to be delivered from Mississauga to Scarborough.

If Canada Post Corporation is allowed to tinker with email, it will mark the end of the "free" Internet in Canada. One back-bencher, Liberal Tony Schnell (NB) has even suggested a "twenty to forty dollar per month surcharge on all Internet service" above and beyond the government's proposed email charges. Note that most of the major newspapers have ignored the story, the only exception being the Toronto Star that called the idea of email surcharge "a useful concept who's time has come" (March 6, 1999, Editorial Section) Don't sit by and watch your freedoms erode away! Send this email to all Canadians on your list and tell your friends and relatives to write to their MP and say "No!" to Bill 602P.

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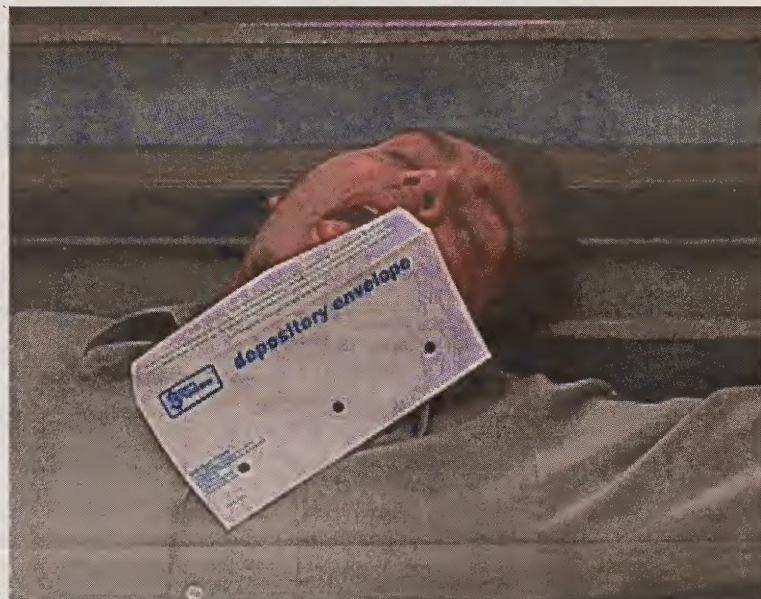
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Surprise, surprise. There is no such law firm and no such lawyer. This is a surprise given the number of lawyers out there.

I kinda think a lot of people here at the college have fallen for this next one. Here's a shocker!

## BREAST CANCER PREVENTION

Men: Don't forget to tell Mom, cousins, etc. that deodorants (non-antiperspirants) are very hard to find but there are a few out there. I just got information from a health seminar that I would like to share. The leading cause of breast cancer is the use of anti-perspirant.



It just isn't safe to deposit your paycheck anymore. This poor guy bought it while trying to make his OSAP payment on time.

Yes, ANTI-PERSPIRANT. Most of the products out there are an anti-perspirant/deodorant combination so go home and check your labels.

Deodorant is fine, anti-perspirant is not. Here's why:

The human body has a few areas that it uses to purge toxins; behind the knees, behind the ears, groin area, and armpits. The toxins are purged in the form of perspiration.

Anti-perspirant, as the name clearly indicates, prevents you from perspiring, thereby inhibiting the body from purging toxins from below the armpits. These toxins do not just magically disappear. Instead, the body deposits them in the lymph nodes below the arms since it cannot sweat them out.

This causes a high concentration of toxins and leads to cell mutations: a.k.a. CANCER. Nearly all breast can-

cer tumors occur in the upper outside quadrant of the breast area. This is precisely where the lymph nodes are located.

Additionally, men are less likely (but not completely exempt) to develop breast cancer prompted by anti-perspirant usage because most of the anti-perspirant product is caught in their hair and is not directly applied to the skin. Women who apply anti-perspirant right after shaving increase the risk further because shaving causes almost imperceptible nicks in the skin which give the chemicals entrance into the body from the armpit area.

PLEASE pass this along to anyone you care about. Breast Cancer is becoming frighteningly common. This awareness may save lives. If you are skeptical about these findings, I urge you to do some research for yourself. You will arrive at the same conclusions, I assure you. Thank you.

## Y2K scam

Finally, this is a scam that just keeps on coming. It is as old as banks and has been used by confidence men for years. Why do people keep falling for the Phony Bank Inspector scam? Maybe P.T. Barnum was right, there is a sucker born every minute.

I got a call from a man this weekend telling me he represented my bank, and

that they were having difficulty meeting requirements to be computer ready for Y2K. He said all bank customers would need to transfer their accounts to a bond account specially designed to protect our money until the bank could fully comply with Y2K requirements. He then said to verify that he was talking to the proper account person. I needed to confirm information about myself, my account numbers, and then give verbal authorization to transfer funds to this specially designed account. I don't trust folks who do this kind of thing so I asked him which of the banks I use did he represent. He was not able to do that and hung up at that point. Please pass this info to friends and family because this is a huge scam that is going on all across the country. Some people would be scared to think they would lose all their money (which he said was sure to happen if I didn't do this now) and would supply the information without first checking this out. I notified the phone company of the call. Since I have caller ID, I could give them a number but the identifier just said "out of area". It came from a 248 area code which is around Detroit. I'm passing this along so you'd be aware and beware.

**"All public chairs should be thoroughly but safely inspected prior to any use"**

# Varsity action a cocktail of triumph and upset

by Sabrina Denomme

## MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM LANDS IN THE AIR CANADA CENTRE.

**E**ight local college and university teams took to the court again this year to determine basketball supremacy at the second Annual Raptors Cup Tournament. Teams from George Brown College, Centennial College, Humber College, Seneca College, University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson Polytechnic University and the University of Windsor played games from October 26 to 31 at venues across Toronto, including some matches at the Air Canada Centre.

"As a team, we really want to contribute to the game's growth in our community and support the young people who are playing basketball," said Raptors General Manager Glen Grunwald. "There are some very talented college and university teams playing locally, and they deserve the exposure that a tournament like the Raptors Cup can provide."

The first game of the tournament saw The George Brown Huskies take on the York Yeomen. At half time the men trailed by only 5 points and it looked as though the Huskies were on a comeback.

Despite Roger Nurse and Dion Horsford both scoring 18 points the men couldn't hold on and lost by a close score of 71-67. As a result, they would have to play Seneca in game two.

The Huskies took to the hardwood floor of the Air Canada Centre in game two. The playing field wasn't too overwhelming for them as they made their presence felt against Seneca. GBC controlled the entire game and won by an overwhelming score of 92-53.

The win earned the men a place in the consolation game against The University of Windsor. This game would prove to be the Huskies most exciting game of the tournament. Although the game was decided in overtime, our team played with the grit and determination that Coach Willie had been looking for all season. The Huskies could have run away with the game but the curse of the free throw line played a large role. Regardless, the Huskies dealt with it and would eventually win by a score of 77-75.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTIES IN LEAGUE PLAY

On October 27, our women's team traveled to Fanshawe for their first league game of the season. The Falcons managed to keep Husky scoring to a

minimum. Fanshawe dominated the game from the start and it would prove to be a challenge for GBC to come back. The loss (76-39) opened the eyes of many of the players to the realization that there was still some work to be done.

Despite the loss, team morale is still high. Coach Mike Pink said, "We had a good start at the Georgian tournament winning 2 out of 3 games but we fell apart against Fanshawe, our first league game." The team is committed to a winning season and is eagerly looking forward to their next league game on Wednesday, November 10 against Seneca at 6:00 p.m.

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM LOOKING GOOD

Without two of its top players, George Brown's Men's Volleyball team came close to defeating Nipissing University and Canadore College on the October 22 weekend. Although the team lost each game in three straight matches, it must be noted that each match was close in score.

The Huskies took that weekend experience and hosted a league game against Loyalist on October 27. Again, the men lost three very close matches. Returning setter Mike Crabtree said, "Our coaching staff is largely responsible for a ten-fold improvement over last year and

we are still improving." Coaches Rugosi and Baptiste acknowledge the fact the team is still a little green but say that they are impressed overall with the constant improvement at practice and at games.

## HUSKIES SOCCER EARN TOP HONOURS

Although the season is over for both men's and women's soccer it doesn't mean that all the awards have been given out. Congratulations to Alexis Viera and Rachel Jackson for being chosen from the women's squad as league all-stars. In the men's division congratulations go out to both Marco Marin and James Curran for their outstanding play during the season and for being voted as league all-stars.

The Coach for this year's men's squad gained top honours for taking home the Central West Region Coach of the Year award. Lucky Boothe has been a veteran to the GBC varsity program, as he is an alumnus of the men's soccer program.

Amazingly, this is only Lucky's first year as head coach of the men's outdoor soccer program. In the previous two seasons Lucky was an assistant coach for the women's team. George Brown College is very proud to have such a dedicated individual working for the varsity program.

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# Mr. Mike's Drug Paranoia

by Boni

So, Mr. Mike has the lamebrain idea that his bureaucratic big brother brigade should test welfare recipients for drug and alcohol use, does he? According to Mr. Mike's reasoning, anyone unfortunate enough to depend on government support is a moral miscreant and is most obviously abusing his/her meagre funds by indulging in copious quantities of recreational pharmaceuticals. Therefore, forcibly rehabilitating the financially insolvent by threatening to withdraw their pittances (unless they "pass" drug/alcohol tests) is supposed to be doing the public a service—at our expense—compliments of Mr. Mike. If you can follow that line of logic, you deserve a free can-opener from your local food bank.

Drug/alcohol use has long been a scapegoat for societal ills. It doesn't take a cultural anthropologist reading Charles Dickens to figure out that blaming social problems on substance abuse has an ancient and dishonoured history.

It appears incredibly convenient that just as the media began to scream about how Harris has not upheld his campaign promises—including that his government has not paid one single dime towards Ontario's deficit—he publicly announced this devious distraction. What's next? Accusing welfare recipients of pissing

away billions of provincial dollars on "smack" while the rest of us weren't looking?

Mr. Mike wants to insure that some bored welfare mom doesn't mosey over to her sister's house on a Friday night and quaff a few pints in front of the VCR for a cheap night's entertainment—or for heaven's sake-split a spliff during a romantic interlude with her partner. If she does, then Mr. Mike wants to imprison her in a rehab. Good luck pal...people who WANT to go can't get beds due to government cutbacks. What then? Chuck her kids into the capricious care of the Children's Aid Society whose budget has also been mangled? After all, where else could many of these kids go? Then he intends to force drug/alcohol testing upon her—spending thirty bucks a pop at weekly intervals for some unspecified duration.

Get a grip, Mike. Why not just give her an extra hundred dollars to feed her kids? What are you trying to accomplish—creating more homeless/motherless children to adopt? I don't want to call "His Socially Depraved Mike-ship" an imbecile (all right, I DO want to), but I don't wanna insult any kindly disposed imbeciles, however, does Mr. Mike, who was elected on the platform of "saving money" have any idea what such a

scheme would COST? If he's willing to cough up the dough, everybody at GBC should switch next year to become lab technicians and addiction counsellors since that's where all the jobs will be. As I entertain doubts that Mr. Mike really intends to help anybody, don't change your course program too soon...

Presently, as bureaucrats suck gallons of milk from the public tit compared to the few measly tablespoons doled out by the social service department, I suggest we test the following governmental personnel FIRST:

1) **Garbage** (oh excuse me, Sanitary Workers): I fail to understand how as a decrepit old couch-dweller I can lug garbage down two flights of stairs without ripping the bag, yet some of these muscular young hardboileds cannot throw it two feet onto the truck without spewing the contents all over the sidewalk.

2) **Politicians**: People suffering this much brain damage are certainly inhaling dangerous solvents and should consider finding more reputable suppliers.

3) **Anybody who answers the phones for the government**: Humans behaving so surly who can remain in an office with others of their ilk MUST BE ingesting pharmaceuticals not accessible to the rest of the stressed-out working population.

4) **The Police**: Please excuse my inherent stupidity since I can't understand how from 100 feet away these guys/gals can shoot a tiny billycuse 95 out of 100 times but cannot shoot a six-foot unarmed bi-ped at close range without hitting a vital organ.

5) **Judges**: After all, the judges working the "M" shift (Milgaard, Moran & Marshall) must have been under the influence since they slept through the entire trial proceedings. Do illicit purchases occur in the judicial washrooms? After all, who knows what's hidden under those gowns...

6) **The Government Environmental Bureaucrats**: Whatever they're using, if they were any more laid back about investigating corporate pollution we'd have to check them for a pulse.

7) **Doctors**: I don't want someone that has legal access to sharp objects slicing parts of my anatomy after swilling OHIP-funded single malt scotch.

8) **Snowplow Drivers**: So THAT'S why there's that huge drift in your driveway! AND LAST BUT FAR FROM LEAST: **His Imperial Mieness**: All I can say is—check out that schnozz—what's YOUR opinion?

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by Gordon Loane

**Source:** The Brunswickian (UNB)  
**FREDERICTON (CUP) - Federal Finance**  
Minister Paul Martin has refused to eliminate the seven per cent goods and services tax on university and college textbooks.

Sam Saintonge, president of the University of New Brunswick Student Union, was one of 30 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations' (CASA) lobbyists who met recently with Martin in Ottawa. "Martin told us that if he eliminated the GST on textbooks, then he would have a flood of requests from other groups seeking a similar benefit," said Saintonge.

The federal minister, however, did open the door to the possibility of providing university (and college) students with a benefit in another program that could equal the amount Ottawa currently collects from GST on textbooks, said Saintonge.

Saintonge added CASA delegates from the Maritimes were hoping the federal government would follow the lead of provincial governments in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, which do not charge taxes on textbooks. CASA delegates also asked Martin to reinstate federal funding to the provinces for post-secondary education to the levels provided in 1995.

"We asked the Minister to put back the \$3.6 billion that has been cutback since 1995 which has resulted in huge tuition increases

for students," said Saintonge.

Students were also looking for improvements to the Canada Student Loans program. "We have asked that interest rates on student loans be kept at prime plus one per cent for floating rates and prime plus two per cent for fixed rates," he said.

Saintonge said the delegates asked Martin to come out against inter-provincial differential tuition fees that are currently in effect for Canadian students from other provinces studying in Quebec.

The Student Society of McGill University is currently challenging the Quebec government's differential tuition fee policy in the courts.

A similar move was studied by the British Columbia government but recently rejected. Saintonge said he came away from the meeting with Martin with the impression that the federal minister is worried extra money from Ottawa for the provinces for post secondary education may not necessarily go where it should.

"I think the federal minister is concerned that the provinces in some instances might divert the federal money to other purposes such as road construction," said Saintonge.

The weekly Ottawa lobby trip also featured meetings with at least 100 members of Parliament from each of the federal political parties, as well as senior bureaucrats with Human Resources Development Canada and the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. CASA is set to launch a national education campaign on November 17th.

## Martin refuses request to eliminate GST on textbooks

# Are Key Performance Indicators Enough? Not here at George Brown College

By Jerome Adamo

**H**eilo fellow students. I hope that your studies this year are going very well. As you may be aware of, the government has implemented a method of standardizing how a college in Ontario should be taking into consideration graduate employment success, employer satisfaction and most importantly, student satisfaction. These are called Key Performance Indicators (KPI). The government did not, however, offer solution-focused methods of how to make a wrong into a right. GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE HAS FOUND A WAY!

It has been indicated by many that one survey in one year is not enough to give the college a true understanding of what students like and dislike. However, the Student Association believes that, if given the chance, we can all participate and benefit from working together to improve our college community.

Let me introduce you to an on-going project at the college. It is called THE CHANGE PROJECT. On October 28 and 29 a workshop entitled BUILDING OUR FUTURE: A FOCUS ON RENEWAL was held.

And the great thing about these two days was that over 800 staff of the college spoke their minds about their dislikes and likes about the college and

how we can effectively change their negativity into proactive optimisms. YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CHANCE TOO!

After meeting with Michael Cooke, Dean of Community Services, and Frank Sorchinsky, GBC President, the Student Association is proud to tell you about a cooperative effort to effectively deal with your issues as a student instead of taking KPI as absolute fact! THERE WILL BE FORUMS TAKING PLACE AT THE COLLEGE TO EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH YOUR CONCERN IN JANUARY 2000.

There are many student concerns here

at the college and here's our chance to HELP THEM TO HELP US! I encourage all of you to get involved in these forums and, although no dates have been set, I will be writing to update you.

I also encourage you take your role here at George Brown as a student seriously and get involved in student committees. For more information about the Student Association committees or about understanding the Change Project in detail, call your local Student Association office. Awareness is one thing, Action is another!

Jerome Adamo is president of the George Brown College Student Association.

## What is newsworthy?

By Boni

Is it just me, or was the media stark raving bonkers last month? I don't have a helluva lot of respect for the tabloid wingyness of the Toronto Sun but this month, these folks have gone right past the outer edges of sanity. It would be one thing if they were actually reporting some interesting news but this stuff doesn't even fit into reality. All over the world there are wars, tragedies and other endless happenings. Do we catch a glimpse of those? No. Here are some of the recent "big stories":

"Much as I love her, I don't think if my cat got mangled by some freaked-out neighbourhood punk that it should make the FRONT PAGE of the newspaper or that anybody would pay \$6,000 to find out who did it. Nobody offered that much money for information leading to the apprehension of the 'Bedroom Rapist'. That's two years' salary for the average working schmuck. I thought front pages were for news items of more widespread significance, such as "Train Wreck Kills 100 in England" or "Treaty Signed in Middle East" or "Canada Bought By Bill Gates Who Will Rename

it 'Windows 1812'."

•What's with the Holmolka and Bernardo stories? Every slow news day we get another story about how Karla got out on a day pass for wort removal or Paul only had one shower pass this month and his cell is beginning to smell suspicious. These people are in jail and their lives are completely routine. They aren't going anywhere in a hurry. Really, who cares?

•They're having a field day writing about the escort agency with the "john list" and HIV hookers. Pul-eze. This is not the best accompaniment to my

morning coffee and donut extravaganza. Have any of these reporters ever opened up the yellow pages? Simply because some guy is dumb enough to get busted for running the joint, why do we have to suffer through serial installments as if this trial is as remotely interesting as "Shogun"? Just wait until the whole sordid trial is finished then give me the summary. This doesn't even qualify as a delicious sleezy sex scandal.

Oh well, next month I think I'll invest in the, *National Enquirer* at least they're still chasing the JonBenet Ramsey case and finding out really who killed JFK, Jr.

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## How to keep your body from sinking your GPA

by Dr. Andrew Miekus.

I remember when I wrote exams (oh so many years ago). The worst feeling in the world was having four weeks left in the semester and realizing I haven't even cracked the course text open yet. Well, for those of you in this position, my heart goes out to you, and for those of you on top of things or all caught up I say, "I don't know how you do it." Here are some helpful and healthful hints that may help you pass your exams:

### STAY HEALTHY

Nothing is worse than suffering from a cold or flu and trying to study for and write exams. Vitamin C, Echinacea, and even garlic may help to stimulate the immune system and may prevent colds and flu. Vitamin C may also help with the stress of knowing that the exam is one week away and you haven't yet opened a book.

### EXERCISE

By keeping your body moving it also keeps blood flowing through the brain, you know, the spongy substance in your skull you hope will absorb enough information to get you through the next four weeks.

### BRAIN FOODS

Certain types of foods and herbs have been shown to improve memory and mental clarity. The herb Ginkgo biloba, essential fatty acids found in, for example, fish oils, and vitamin B complex may help stimulate the "noodie".

### COMFORTABLE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Studies have shown that when studying you should be in the same environment you are writing your exam in (so unless you're writing your exam at the Air Canada Centre) you should be studying in a quiet area, with ample lighting and be comfortable both physically and mentally. Aching back muscles or headaches can hinder your studying and should be taken care of. Anxiety and stress may also be helped with specific homeopathic remedies.

Well, there you have it. If you have any questions (no exam material please) please feel free to contact *dialog*.

*Please note: The information given above is of a general nature. For specific conditions, concerns and treatment see a health care professional.*

## Students warned of sexual assaults at McGill University

by Jaime Kirzner-Roberts

Source: The McGill Daily  
**Montreal (CUP)—The Students' Society at McGill University are warning students in a poster campaigning about an individual who has allegedly sexually assaulted several women near campus.**

The posters—which don't provide a name—say a man has presented himself to women at coffee shops, claiming to be a tarot card reader and asking them if they want to come to his "office" for a reading.

When the women enter the man's office, which appears to be his home, the posters say the man attempted to sexually assault them.

Wojtek Baraniak, vice-president (community and government) for the Students' Society, has been working with the Sexual Assault Centre to raise awareness about the incidents.

"We have a responsibility to protect the public interest, to get the message out there," said Baraniak. "The police understand why we should be covering this event but at the same time we don't want to cause a public hysteria—people should just use common sense."

Although police say there have been reports filed about incidents involving this individual, there have been no charges laid so far.

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